

HOUSE RESOLUTION 136
By Pinion

A RESOLUTION to commend Melissa Rai Dixon for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Rai Dixon is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Phillip Pinion, Representative Frank Buck and Representative George Fraley; Melissa's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at University of Tennessee at Martin, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Melissa has achieved academic success while majoring in Communications with a minor in Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, she was the Public Relations officer and Recruitment Chair for the Panhellenic Council on campus and is now state coordinator for the South Eastern Panhellenic Conference; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Sweet Melissa" because of her personality and outlook on life, Ms. Dixon suffered the terrible and tragic death of her vehicle on a trip to East Tennessee in inclement weather; she now faithfully checks to condition of her tires before embarking upon any trip of significant length; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Melissa brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2005 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dixon cheerfully undertook duties of various kinds in working for the Transportation Committee and showed championship sprinter form in running numerous committee errands; her peers in the internship program selected Melissa as most likely to return as a lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2005 legislative session, Melissa has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; the Transportation Committee officers and staff expressed their pride in her performance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dixon has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Melissa Rai Dixon for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Phillip Pinion, Representative Frank Buck, Representative George Fraley and the House Transportation Committee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.